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Peacock's Factory
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Dear Paddy

Having now pretty well
settled down I wish to let you, and
through you "the boys" know how I
am situated. The trip over was
only delightful and I was so thoroughly
free from even the slightest symptoms
of sea sickness that for the first
time in my life I conceived a
strong ambition to possess a large
steam yacht and "do" the big oceans
of the world. I cannot tell you
how much I enjoyed the sea
trip - the greatest holiday I
have had for years though there was
not a soul on board I cared
for in the remotest degree

The fact was the weather was fine and
warm the sea not too rough and
the atmosphere so clear that we
scarcely lost sight of land during the
voyage. I polished the tuckers off
like a regular old salt and remained
at the table after each meal yarning
with the few who appeared at meals.
With the exception of these periods and
eight hours in the bunk I was always
on deck in one of those easy garden
chairs or walking up and down
smoking. Oh the pleasure of those
delightful hours when I was too lazy
to read but sat with the book on
my knee watching the long panorama
of the Australian coast - the dark blue
hills, the green slopes, the red rocks
and the white line of surf! Then
in the night time the skies were so
clear and the ocean still more mystic.
We had a tremendous thunderstorm
on the last evening. I sketched it

And consequently likely to last.

Upon landing I called at Peacock's
town office a dirty little place on the
wharf and had a talk, after which
I looked up Cliff Hallam who has
a business of his own near the
park gates. After lunching with him
in a respectable old fashioned pub
with characters of all the leading
public men painted around the
walls, I did the block by myself
for a few hours to pick up the run
of the streets. At five o'clock I
has taken out to the factory which
is about three miles from town. The
Cottage is a very neat four roomed
one all nicely painted and comfortably
furnished, with a Kitchen, par, room
bath room and pantry outside. At
the rear of this there is a very clean
open stable with four magnificent
cart horses, then two large galvanised
iron stores which compose the
factory. Next morning I was introduced

to the hands about ten men and ten
girls and a much more respectable
lot than the Hobart Crowd. All
told me I should not be required
till Monday so I spent Friday and
Saturday doing my Agency and the
inquiries by myself, by which means
I found out a great deal more about
what I should have had I had a
local man to direct me. On

Sunday I went in to town and
accompanied by Hallam I went
to the Unitarian church. The church
which is in the "doctor and dentist"
part of the city has two neat spires:
a larger and a smaller one, is
built of freestone and looks pretty
fair from the outside with its
grand motto facing the Sydney road
"To the glory of God and the
glorification of Man". Inside however

The lecture was a setting forth of
 George Elliotts deep interest in humanity
 as evinced in her works and was
 somewhat commonplace. There was
 a much larger congregation however
 the hall being nearly full.

I have had a very bad cold since I
 came here which has prevented my
 enjoying the novelty of seeing a new
 place. Since Sunday I have been
 at regular work and am settling
 down into a rather humdrum existence
 as I fear it will be. Old P is a
 pious cranky man and a terrible
 bore. He called me in on Monday
 to his private room where his son
 Pryde was and there made a cool
 proposal to entirely subordinate
 Pryde to me giving me the whole
 financial control of the Sydney
 business and making Pryde a mere
 broker for him. Pryde kicked and
 I supported him and the end was

that the factory and business are to
be separated. The arrangements I have
made about the cottage are thus settled
I mean he will keep the housekeeper
in and keep up the house; when I
move I am to take what furniture I
want and pay him when I come.
In the meantime I ~~pay~~ am to have
a young Scotchman who is employed
in the office living with me and he
and each to pay \$1 for our board.

Tell Mrs. Clark that the housekeeper is
a decent kind-hearted woman with
a pretty little child who is to live
with us. You need not be afraid though
for the woman is forty and not pretty.
The Scotchman can ease her of her
cures. This Scot is a very well-
educated good-looking, pleasant young
fellow who will make a pleasant
companion for me when we get rid
of the old horse. Life here will not
be pleasant but when we settle down
it will be tolerable. I will just give

to days work us a Specimen. At
6 am the Scotchman wakes me and I
sit up half an hour after have a bath
and go up to the factory at seven.
Breakfast at half past dinner at
twelve and Knock off at five thirty.

There is nothing to do but look about
and occasionally pointing out how
you make things done. The books
are no trouble at all and only occupy
a few moments. After breakfast he

Sings a hymn read a chapter and old
I jumps up and says "In the name
of the Lord Jesus Amen" After ten
the same process is repeated but
instead of the curious and abrupt
termination a discussion is invited
and you are free to express what
views you take. Old P is a Spiritual
Christian - this is sees a Spiritual meaning
is all the narrative; the Scotchman is
an eclectic Christian to whom everyone's
creed can be subscribed to in a certain
sense. They both work in the Salvation

Army meeting though they do not
belong to the army but I do not
form them in this. You may be
surprised that I feel in with the
family worship I am myself.
The fact is I was quickly talking in
past night when the book was sent
in my hand and both of them given
out. I thus too sudden to make
a stop at it by an explanation
so I had to go through, and for
now I even not right after so
I had to content myself with the
mild statement of illegal news in
the evening newspaper. After the
discussion which lasted over an hour
I went out to Schuchman's room
and have a smoke and a talk
about books and other matters for
another hour. After that is a supper
of "prunten" and I refuse to have
a glass of beer for another hour before
I go to bed. Dick will be up
before P goes - about 2 weeks hence.

it does not look so well being much smaller than would be anticipated from the inside. There was a broad central row of double pews which were comfortably filled but the side rows of cane chairs were vacant. In the front there was a plain high balustrade of longwood and frosted pine surmounted by a simple blue reading desk. The choir sat below this the minister above. There was a painted window behind him the lower part of which was hidden by a broad curtain of blue cloth. The minister and the church are both new and will be impressed upon in time I believe. He is what you would call an extreme left man a man of the Sarag type and consequently I was disappointed with him in that respect; but his delivery was bad and he did not seem a very well educated man though his ideas were well attuned to Sheldons.

The sermon was upon the prophetic
function, and after showing that in the
olden days there was a King, a priest
and a prophet or teller forth of gods
laws he pointed out that now each
individual fulfilled these separate functions
in himself hence the necessity of thorough
education and meeting together for
sympathy. Then though these functions
had been transferred to the individual
it only called for greater exertions
in the cause of humanity, so that, even
if one could hear nothing that would
profit him ~~and~~ or even something
in detail that he objected to, it was still
a duty to assist in spreading the
gospel of the larger hope and more
liberal faith among the young and
less developed. The announcement
that he would lecture on George Elliot
in the evening took me here again
after having dinner and tea with
Hallam in a company of cosmopolitans
including Frenchmen and Chinese women

gathering after a beautiful sunset
I had been quietly enjoying. In a few
minutes all got dark and vivid
flashes of chain lightning were breaking
over around the horizon, while the rain
fell in torrents. It did not get
rough though and the storm only
proved an interesting incident of the
voyage. We called at Eden for a few
moments and got into Sydney
early on Thursday morning. The
approach to Sydney is very curious
and somewhat pretty but there is
too much bare freestone about
to compare it to the beauty of
Hart's harbor. It is a big
wandering city with dirty narrow
streets, & the houses jammed up together
as if inches of room were valuable.
The many-colored little verandas
which cover up the front doors
and windows give the place in some

parts an Eastern impression. The
architecture of Sydney is admirable.
There are many expensive buildings,
some others are also others high,
but the architecture is mixed up
with very bad taste and the art
generally by ignorance. The public buildings
are inconspicuous or incongruous,
and the private places when they are
built fairly are surrounded by rotten
old tenements. The corporation is
bankrupt and the people have
no taste. The great means of transit
to the numerous suburbs is by means
of some ugly two horse steam
tramp cars which run in every direction
so that you have only to wait at
certain corners for five minutes
and along comes your tramp wheel
with a distinguishing mark. It is a
dangerous noisy and dirty method
of travelling but very convenient

Army directing business they do not
return to the army but do not
leave the army. I may be
surprised you will be in
kindly wish up - I am myself.
The letter was given looking to
noting when the letter was sent
in our hands and to my own
sent. I think too sudden to make
as deep as it by the explanation
as I am. I am to be kept, and
now in the most right of the
to have to be London myself with
mid statement of these words in
the days of the camp. After the
appearance of the letter in the
and some of the to be a letter
about the same other matters for
another letter. Then there is a
of "permitted" and I expect to have
a letter to read for some time
after the letter. I think it is
with the peace - about a week hence.